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COVER PHOTO: Airman 1st Class Francisco Garcia, 732nd EMSG Regional Support Unit Habbaniyah civil engineer technician, briefs his responsibilities to Brig. Gen. Robin Rand, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, Monday afternoon at Camp Habbaniyah.

RED TAIL FLYER

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The crimson used throughout the publication alludes to the original Tuskegee Airmen of the 332nd Fighter Group.

The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African Americans to be trained as WWII military pilots in the U.S. Army Air Corps. They were known as the Red Tail Flyers because of the crimson paint scheme on their aircraft's tails.

Around Balad



Brig. Gen. Robin Rand 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander

IMANDER'S ACTION LIN

The Commander's Action Line is a way for Balad Air Base members to ask questions or express concerns about life on the base to Brig. Gen. Robin Rand, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander.

General Rand gives action line queries his personal attention. The Red Tail Flyer will publish those items that are of general interest to the base population.

In addition to using the commander's action line, Balad Airmen are asked to remember their chain of command when

dealing with problems and concerns.

The action line can be reached via e-mail at 332.redtailflyer@blab. centaf.af.mil. Those using the action line should include their name, unit and phone number in case additional information is needed and for a timely response.

Q: Why am I receiving an error message, "Access Denied (policy_denied)," when trying to access some Web sites?"

A: In July, U.S. Central Air Force deployed Blue Coat Proxy servers here to manage control and security of World Wide Web access. Our server uses a commercially maintained database that categorizes millions of Web sites. Here in the area of responsibility, categories such as "Education/Reference" and "Finance" are allowed, but others such as "Pornography" and "Games" are filtered.

If you browse to a Web site that's filtered, you'll receive the "Access Denied (policy_denied)" error.

Q: If "Education" and "Finance" are allowed, then why am I prohibited from accessing my college or banking Web site?

A: This problem arises when your particular Web site isn't categorized yet. All Web sites without categories are filtered by default. The commercial database we use to determine categories is growing every day as more and more Web sites are categorized.

For quickest results, you can suggest a category change at http://www.securecomputing.com/sfwhere/index.cfm. The process takes roughly 72 hours for changes to take effect.





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Deployments: 2

On-duty contribution at Balad: While loading aircraft, he noticed a smoking C-17 engine. The resulting ground emergency and four-hour repair to make the aircraft safe for its next flight resulted in Airman Anderson being awarded the Red Tail Warrior ground safety award for October. He also expertly inspected more than 72,000 pounds of other coalition forces' cargo, ensuring air worthiness of cargo. Airman Anderson meticulously inspected Hunter RQ-45 unmanned aerial vehicle parts for air movement to be repaired; efforts helped in sustaining the crucial flight of our eyes in the sky.

Off-duty contribution at Balad: Donated blood for injured warriors supporting operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom; helped supply most critical human resource.

Weather outlook

Today



Partly Cloudy, Hazy, Dusty

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Saturday



Mostly Cloudy,

Iso. T-Storms

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Sunday

Mostly Cloudy, Iso. T-Storms

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Monday

Mostly Cloudy, Iso. T-Storms

Tuesday

Partly Cloudy, Hazy, Smoky

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Partly Cloudy. Hazy

Partly Cloudy, Hazy

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Balad Commentary



RED TAIL PERSPECTIVE

By Chief Master Sgt. Henry Morgan

732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group superintendent

What is the higgest difference between the Airmen of today and the Airmen you met when you first joined the Air Force?

A Without a doubt, today's Airmen are more educated and well versed in the latest technologies such as computers and MP3 players, and at times they're more inquisitive than I was.

However, I see today's Airmen joining for some of the same reasons as before: education, travel, patriotic duties, following in their mother's or father's footsteps, or just plain security for themselves and their families.

Q What has impressed you the most about the Airmen you serve with here?

A What's been most impressive is today's Airmen are able to handle a wide diversity of tasks.

In the past, Airmen were trained on one thing, and as they moved from base to base, they were constantly placed in the same job. Today, and I know this doesn't apply to all Air Force Specialty Codes, they may have to start back from square one and train up to a five- or sevenlevel while taking on several additional duties.

Our Airmen come in motivated, and it's up to us as senior leaders to continue to build on that foundation.

Q What do Airmen need to be successful?

A Airmen need to have strong leadership to help prepare for tomorrow. They need for supervisors to tell them when the baby is ugly and give them a pat on the back when things go right. We do our young Airmen an injustice when we consciously fail to administer corrective actions for something we all know just isn't right. They need to have face-to-face counseling to make them better people.

Let's face it, it's very easy to send someone an e-mail, but to confront them takes on a whole new approach. Airmen don't need a babysitter but someone to guide them; not only to make them better Airmen but good Americans as well.

They need to understand they are Airmen first and then a communications operator, electrician, aircrew member, et cetera.

Q What do we as an Air Force need to do to make our Airmen more capable, flexible and efficient?

A We have to ensure they receive the right training at the right time. We must teach them to think outside the box and train like they fight. With the latest SMARTFORCE initiatives, we have to give them a voice and listen, and not rest on our laurels with "that's the way we've always done things." Our Airmen must understand there are other cultures in the world, and not everyone is interested in becoming a westerner.

Most important is we have to keep educating them that today's Air Force is not like their father's or grandfather's Air Force. Ensure they understand we're more than a 9-to-5 job, and we're a global force capable of mobilizing within hours.

Finally, provide our Airmen with the right tools and accept no substitutes.

Q How crucial is physical fitness to today's battle space, and what's the direct impact on the mission?

A Being the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group superintendent, I've seen first hand how physical fitness plays a major role in the battle space.

I have Airmen who patrol the streets of Baghdad wearing 40 to 50 pounds of individual body armor and working in extreme temperatures of 105 degrees or more who don't have the luxury of air conditioned vehicles or buildings. Having one of the Airmen fall out due to heat exhaustion would not only jeopardize him, but the safety of the mission could cost someone his life.

In addition, being physically fit can assist you in dealing with long hours and job stress. Most of our Airmen work some extremely long hours, and being fit helps keep them alert and combat everyday stresses of the job. We all expect and demand that our wingman be there in our time of need, and anything less is just unacceptable.

Now, make no mistake, we don't have to all be marathon runners, but a sound three to five days a week workout program can put everyone on the right track, because you never know where the next mission will take us.

Around Balad

Balad haunted house a terrifying success

By 1st Lt. Landon Derentz 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Moonlight shone through a partly cloudy sky and the church bell rang softly in a gentle evening breeze, setting the backdrop for hundreds of servicemembers as they lined up for a scare at the haunted house here Halloween night.

Capt. Ty Randall, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Company Grade Officers Council president, wanted to bring some Halloween fun to Iraq. He came up with the idea of a haunted house based on a previous deployment.

"Halloween is kind of a forgotten holiday," he said. "If people were back at home, they would be trick-or-treating with their families. I figured, by creating a haunted house, we could keep people from dwelling on what they could be doing at home and allow them to have fun here."

With the help of the CGOC and several other base organizations, Captain Randall's vision became a reality and the scaring began.

Using the old chapel tent, eight rooms and two mazes were created to maximize the frightening ambience of the haunted house, including a graveyard, a strobelight-filled checkered pathway, a spooky tunnel and rooms built by each of the four professional councils on base such as the CGOC's "The Ring" room.

Members of the Balad Air Base community waited in line for up to 30 minutes to shriek and laugh their way through the maze of ghosts, goblins, ghouls and other frightening creatures.

"It's an unexpected treat," said Airman 1st Class Leighann Ray, a force protection specialist with the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron.

"The rooms and mazes were intricate and detailed," she said. "I liked it all, but the scariest part to me was the final room when we crawled through the tunnel and ghosts seemed to jump out from everywhere."

Inside the haunted house, more than 40 people contributed to en-



Photo by 1st Lt. Landon Derentz

Master Sgt. Robert Gumm (left), Top-3, and Tech. Sgt. Michael Bains, Red Tail 5/6, helped provide scares at the haunted house Tuesday.

suring those daring enough to enter received a real scare. In addition to the self-designated haunted house "Boo Crew," members of the base fire department, provost marshal office and wing safety office provided a watchful eye over the evening's events.

In addition to providing an entertaining deployed Halloween,

the haunted house raised more than \$200 in donations for the Combined Federal Campaign.

The event was a success, said Captain Randall, who claimed people's excitement told the story.

"It was great to see the people's reaction," he said. "Ninety-five percent of the people had a smile on their face after going through."

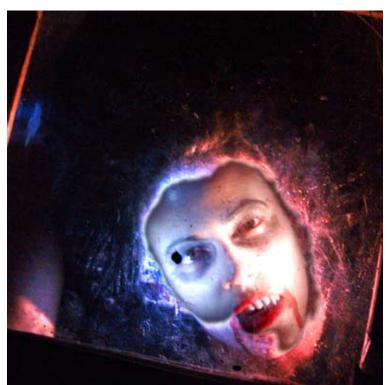


Photo by 1st Lt. Landon Derentz



Photos by 1st Lt. Jamie Fanning

(Above) Airman David Martin, PAAC, jumped out at haunted house attendees from beneath one of the many props created by the professional councils for the event.

(Left) Capt. Amy Brautigan, Company Grade Officers Council, spooked haunted house attendees as a blood-thirsty vampire Tuesday evening. The CGOC put on the haunted house with help from the Top-3, Red Tail 5/6 and the Panther Airmen Advisory Council.

Around Balad

Operation Holiday Cheer kicks off Tuesday

By Staff Sgt. Alice Moore 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

The 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing professional councils have come together to get their fellow Tuskegee Airmen involved through Operation Holiday Cheer.

The campaign will begin Nov. 7 and run through the first week in January.

Operation Holiday Cheer is a high-energy campaign designed especially for the Airmen here who will be spending the holidays away from friends and family members.

"Sometimes we have duties that don't allow us to be with our friends and family members. We end up halfway around the world for long periods of time, and can find ourselves feeling sorry for ourselves when we should be making the best of the situation," said Col. David Reynolds, 332nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group commander. "Operation Holiday Cheer is a great way for Airmen to come together, take advantage of some fun activities during the holiday season and build some lifelong friendships."

The kickoff of the campaign will be "Morale Daze," which will include nine events. It will be offered during two sessions, the first running from 9 a.m. to noon and the second from 7 to 10 p.m.

Teams of six will be able to compete in a variety of events to include trash volleyball, tricycle races and chicken chuckin'.

The "Morale Daze" event was made possible through the efforts of Keira Clark, MWR coordinator for Air Force recreation here and the



Illustration by Senior Airman Daniell Hernandez

members of Executive Women International and Sponsor the Troops Incorporated.

"I came up with the idea last summer," said Ms. Clark. "EWI and Sponsor the Troops have helped to fine tune the plans into the package we have today."

Other events during the month of November will include volleyball tournaments Nov. 15 and Nov. 29, "Combat Olympics" Nov. 18 and Dodge Ball Nov. 20. Future events will be announced and advertised throughout the base. People can also look in the *Red Tail Flyer* for future announcements.

Base senior leadership encourages Airmen to come out and participate in the variety of activities offered.

"Our goal with Operation Holiday Cheer is to

try and have at least one activity that appeals to every Airman so that when all is said and done, we've brought out something that Airmen want to participate in," said Brig. Gen. Robin Rand, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander.

"The idea behind Operation Holiday Cheer is to ensure our Airmen are getting out of their rooms and having a good time during the holiday season," said Chief Master Sgt. Bryce Maxson, 332nd EMSG superintendent. "The committee has come up with events that foster unit teambuilding and will keep everyone involved. There's something for everyone, and I encourage people to participate."

For more information on Operation Holiday Cheer, e-mail Staff Sgt. Alice Moore at alice.moore@blab.centaf.af.mil.

Bands bring tour to Balad deployed troops

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – Bands from Air Force Reserve Command and U.S. Air Forces in Europe join up with guest artists to entertain families and troops in late November.

Country music artist Jaime O'Neal, entertainer of the air waves Delilah, John Popper of the platinum-selling group Blues Traveler, and the New England Patriots cheerleaders will tour USAFE bases and Southwest Asia deployed locations from Nov. 19 to Dec. 2.

"The combined effort serves as

a good reminder of how Air Force reservists partner with the active-duty Air Force and the Air National Guard to create the Total Force," said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of the Air Force Reserve, Pentagon. "We're working together on this tour to boost troop morale and let our people overseas know their Air Force family cares about them."

Performing as the opening act, the combined Air Force bands will play well-known pop and contemporary favorites.

"The Operation Season's Greet-

ings Tour will put on a show that is on par with any high-dollar concert back home," said Dave Ballengee, deputy director of the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve. "This Air Force tour group is bringing its state-of-the-art sound, stage and lighting equipment and will put on a show that our troops will never forget."

Jaime O'Neal's newest CD – Brave – delivers her country songs, "Somebody's Hero." and "Trying to Find Atlantis." This album follows her pair of No. 1 hits "There

is No Arizona." and "When I Think about Angels," from her last album.

Performers, technicians, support troops and about 40,000 pounds of equipment will get a lift from an Air Force C-17 cargo aircraft and a KC-10 refueling and cargo aircraft.

Operation Season's Greetings will perform at Balad Air Base and Logistics Support Area Anaconda Nov. 23.

Information provided by Air Force Reserve Command

Around the Air Force

Hickam testing new deployable refueling system

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomo

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii -

As the Air Force continues to look for ways to reduce energy consumption in its facilities, vehicles and aircraft operations the 15th Airlift Wing will be doing its part by serving as a test bed for a new modular deployable hydrogen refueling station.

Awarded the contract two years ago, HydraFLX Systems LLC is providing their system as a research and development program for the Air Force to evaluate the feasibility of hydrogen refueling on the flight line.

Scheduled to come on line this month, the HydraFLX System will generate ultra-pure hydrogen from water in a flexible pressure management process for fueling buses, tow-tractors, vans, sedans and ground support equipment. The system can also be deployed anywhere and operate in hostile theaters without infrastructure or pipelines.

"This station is a modular deployable hydrogen refueling station designed to be on an Air Force flight line," said Mark Schultz, operations manager for HydraFLX Systems LLC. "The separate boxes are designed to be airlifted and set up in a remote location in a short period of time and up and running in a day."

With higher standards for clean air and a



The HydraFLX System is brought up to the back end of a C-17 Globemaster III to demonstrate its mobile capability at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, Oct. 18, 2006. The HydraFLX System is being tested by the Air Force as an alternate energy source. It will generate ultrapure hydrogen from water in a flexible pressure management process for fueling buses, tow-tractors, vans, sedans and ground support equipment. The system can also be deployed anywhere and operate in hostile theaters without infrastructure or pipelines.

need for less dependence on foreign oil, interest in alternate fuels has never been greater.

As the largest user of energy in the DoD, the increase of energy costs for the Air Force has significantly impacted the bottom line – money that would be better spent on the Global War on Terrorism or recapitalizing the aging fleet. Hydrogen is one of the key fuels being

considered because it's renewable, abundant, efficient and produces no emissions.

"Hydrogen fuel is long established to be a far denser fuel energy then the petrol chemical we are used to," said Mr. Shultz. "It's a clean fuel, carbonless and abundant. That's what this whole program is about – using fuel cells for higher efficiency and less environmental impact."

Servicemembers' right to vote comes with rules

By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Larlee
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO – As the 2006 elections fast approach to decide House of Representative and Senate seats as well as local and state elections, there are some rules military members need to know about the political process.

These rules are not in place to restrict a military member's political freedoms, said Maj. Frank Minogue, chief of civil law for Air Education and Training Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

"Obviously, we want people to vote and express their opinions," Major Minogue said. "People are encouraged to participate in the political process, just not as representatives of the Air Force."

Political activity rules are listed in *Air Force Instruction 51-902*, Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force. Violators of this instruction can be punished under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and receive up to two years confinement and a dishonorable discharge, the major said.

Examples of prohibited activities listed in the instruction include attending a political event in uniform, using official authority to interfere with an election and affect its course or outcome, and using contemptuous words against officials in public office. Military members are allowed to attend political events in civilian clothes but only as a spectator. Speaking

publicly at these events is not allowed in or out of uniform.

"It is vital that military members do not give the perception that the military supports one political party, issue or candidate over another," Major Minogue said. "It would undermine our whole command structure.

There's also a separation in the rules about participating in partisan and nonpartisan political activities; the rules tend to be stricter.

Partisan politics are defined in the instruction as an "activity supporting or relating to candidates who represent, or issues specifically identified with, national or state political parties or associated or ancillary organizations. A candidacy, declared or undeclared, for national or state office is a partisan political activity, even if the candidate is not affiliated with a national or state political party."

Partisan politics generally refer to established political parties and positions on a national scale.

It is crucial that Airmen remain neutral, said Richard Peterson, deputy chief of the administrative law division, in the office of the Air Force judge advocate general.

"Regardless of whom the American public chooses, we give our elected officials our best efforts and support in performing our duties," Mr. Peterson said.

Contact the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing legal office for more information about political rights.

Around Iraq

Iraqi Forces reestablishing order

Story and photos by Army Spc. C. Terrell Turner
1st BCT PAO. 4th Inf. Div.

CAMP TAJI, Iraq — As international headlines report sectarian violence across Baghdad and the surrounding region, Iraqi Forces and U.S. Soldiers here work daily to increase security for Saab al Bour residents.

During Ramadan, terrorist cells and rival factions pushed the level of violence to unprecedented levels and forced local residents to flee to nearby Khadimiya and other areas.

Soldiers from the 7th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, led the way in responding to the violence by aggressively conducting missions against suspected terrorists with mounted and dismounted patrols as well as providing counter-fire against mortar attacks.

The Joint Coordination Center, located at Saab al Bour Police Station, houses the combined forces of 7th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt. Soldiers, Iraqi Army Soldiers and Iraqi Police officers.

"The numbers of attacks have decreased. This is my third time out here, and it's been pretty quiet," said Army Capt. Matt Cooper, assistant intelligence officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 7th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt.

Captain Cooper describes his job as "trying to paint a picture of what's going on for the commander." In addition to that mission, Captain Cooper said he seeks to develop the cities' demographics to get a better block-by-block picture of rival factions living in the town.

"The local nationals are starting to call the tip lines a lot more," he said. "We send out as many patrols as we can to respond, but their level of trust in us is definitely starting to increase."

Army Maj. Anthony Nichols, senior Military Transition Team advisor, 1st Tank Battalion, 2nd Tank Brigade, 9th Iraqi Army Division, makes the JCC a daily stop between his patrols with his Soldiers to compare notes.

"We captured 18 bad guys over the last ten days," he said. "I think we are having a large amount of success with keeping them from consolidating and establishing themselves in the city. The most effective strategy is to go where they think you won't go."



CAMP TAJI, Iraq — Soldiers from the 463rd Military Police Company provide security at the Saab al Bour Police Station in support of local Iraqi Forces.

As violence within Saab al Bour grew, health care providers departed and left residents with few options outside of traveling long distances for emergency health care. Soldiers from 7th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt., responded by establishing a clinic inside the JCC for Soldiers, Iraqi security forces and local nationals needing emergency medical assistance.

"We've treated about 35 local nationals for trauma injuries here," said Army Staff Sgt. Robert Rushworth, aid station noncommissioned officer, HHT. "Anything life threatening means we call a medevac (medical evacuation), or if they are stabilized, the Iraqi police takes them to Khadimiya. The people know that we are here to help them when they get injured. Sometimes when the IPs go into town to respond to an incident, they bring the people here."

As violence drops off in the city, the local clinics are reopening and Sergeant Rushworth and his staff are seeing fewer patients.

"We had eight cases the other day, but that was an exception, more than a normal day."

Fire Support Teams at a local observation point in the area coordinate with ground patrols to provide reconnaissance and coordinate air support from AH-64D Longbow Apache attack helicopters. This provides the 7th Sqdn., 10th Cav. Regt., the opportunity to immediately react and retaliate against mortar fire.

"Before we started, there were a lot more

mortar attacks," said Army Sgt. Bernard Walla, fire support team chief, Troop B, 7th Sqdn.

Recently, a patrol working with the fire support team pursued three fleeing suspected terrorists. An Apache spotted the men near the mortar site and reported their location to the patrol. After firing on the patrol, one of the suspected terrorists was killed and two were taken into custody.

"It's getting better," he said. "That was a very good example of the fire support teams working together."

The team currently conducts three to four patrols a day around the city, rotating on and off with another unit, for around-the-clock security in the area.

"It's hot out here sometimes, but it's not too tough working out here," said Army Pfc. Francisco Camacho, a forward observer with HHT. "We hear mortars and gunfire periodically but lately, this past week, it has been getting better."

As the people of the city return, a team leader saw them as hopeful but cautious.

"We make sure to stop and talk to people while we are on patrol," he said. "They're trying to be hopeful, but it's been tough for them. They need electricity, food and money, but the main thing they need is the mortars to stop being fired in to the city and for snipers to stop firing on civilians. For us, that means establishing more of a presence around Saab al Bour to stop the insurgents from attacking residents."

Balad Features

In the trenches

Airmen work, live with Iraqi Army at historic desert base

By Senior Airman Josh Moshier 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Tucked in a valley between the Euphrates River and some of the most dangerous territory in Iraq is an oasis in the middle of the desert – Camp Habbaniyah.

The British operated at this location from 1934 through 1959, when it was known as Royal Air Force Habbaniyah. Forty-seven years later, the democratic government of Iraq is in control of the base, and approximately 20 Airmen assigned to the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group are stationed there, serving as advisors to an Iraqi Army still trying to find its footing.

The base is a ghost of its former self. Roads that were once paved and smooth are now marked with potholes, and weeds spring from cracks in the ground. Living quarters are weathered and sometimes lack electricity or running water. For the Iraqis, supplies are scarce, and funding is hard to come by. Many of the Airmen live off food received in care packages from home as an alternative to the "red stuff and rice" prepared by locals.

Outside the perimeter of the base is perhaps the most dangerous area of Iraq. Improvised explosive devices, sectarian violence and other insurgent activity are as common as sunrise and sunset. The threat to life is very real.

During a visit this week, Brig. Gen. Robin Rand, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, said Camp Habbaniyah makes Balad Air Base, Iraq, look like a country club in comparison.

"Everything is a challenge; nothing comes easy here," said Tech. Sgt. James Lovelace, 732nd EMSG Regional Support Unit Habbaniyah senior enlisted advisor. "The country is moving forward, but (the Iraqi people) don't know that out here. (The area surrounding the base) is pretty much lawless."

The base is currently home to about 4,200 Iraqi soldiers and basic military trainees. The goal is for the base to hold approximately 9,500 soldiers and trainees.

Despite the present conditions and dangers, the Airmen at Camp Habbaniyah press forward each day, teaching Iraqi soldiers the fundamentals of operating as a professional



hotos by 1st Lt. Landon Derentz

Iraqi Army basic military trainees participate in a formation run Monday afternoon at Camp Habbaniyah. Approximately 20 Airmen assigned to the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group are stationed at Camp Habbaniyah as advisors to the Iraqi Army.

military organization on a military installation. Airmen in the ranks of airman first class to lieutenant colonel work in their job specialties with their Iraqi counterparts, teaching them everything from how to effectively feed all their soldiers to power production to waste disposal.

"We don't have any cool tools or heavy gear to work with," said Lt. Col. Sharyn McWhorter, 732nd EMSG RSU Habbaniyah officer in charge. "Our task is to help (Iraq soldiers) develop and sustain processes so they can effectively solve their own problems."

The biggest hurdle to that task is what Colonel McWhorter coined "life support" issues – providing services such as water, food, electricity, fuel and waste management, among others.

In fact, the colonel said one of her team's most gratifying successes was helping the Iraqis implement a process for the disposal of garbage.

Other successes include implementing pre- and post-convoy searches and a fuel issue system log, both of which helped curb what RSU Habbaniyah leadership called a "considerable theft problem."

While much work remains for the 732nd EMSG before it can exit Camp Habbaniyah for good, the general was pleased with the progress and sacrifices he witnessed.

"I'm impressed with the daunting task presented to you," General Rand said to the



Senior Airman Timothy Rentmeister, 732nd EMSG RSU Habbaniyah civil engineer technician, describes the successes the unit has had with the Iraqi Army, such as the power generators in the background, to Lt. Col. Douglas Hammer, 732nd EMSG deputy commander.

unit. "You still have a long way to go, and you probably won't recognize the successes you've had until you look back, but what you're doing is vitally important to our mission of helping Iraq transition to democracy."

Balad Features

Supply craftsman gets laughs as bingo host

By Staff Sgt. Alice Moore 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Logistics support flight superintendent by day, Balad game show host and comedian by night.

As the logistics support flight superintendent for the 732nd Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Tech. Sgt. Craig Mills is responsible for making sure that more than 1,400 in-lieu-of Airmen who support Army missions have the equipment and supplies they need to accomplish their jobs. When his duties are done, he volunteers for the 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron here, hosting bingo every Saturday night at the H-6 recreation center.

With his sense of humor, Sergeant Mills has been able to make Saturday nights a little more fun for people here. He's not just calling numbers for bingo; he also engages in goodnatured heckling using his natural country drawl, and at times "busts a move" to make the crowd laugh.

"Sergeant Mills has the perfect personality for the job, not to mention his great dancing moves," said Staff Sgt. Maria Rodriquez, 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron traffic management technician. "He always captures and keeps the audience's attention."

"I come to bingo to laugh at Sergeant Mills," said Tech. Sgt. Melissa Petoski, 332nd Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron INTEL analyst. "He has the best country accent. He's entertaining to watch."

The Stoneville, N.C., native joined the Air Force more than 11 years ago to travel and leave small-town America, he said. As a supply craftsman, he's spent time traveling all over the world. He arrived at Balad Air Base in May for a four-month deployment. That has since stretched to six.

"I volunteered to stay two extra months because I was heading up a transfer of equipment from an Army mission to an Air Force mission. I definitely feel like my work here is important, so I decided to stay and see this project through," he said.

Sergeant Mills claimed he never planned on being the bingo host here. It was just something that happened one day.

"When I first got here, Master Sgt. Kurt Larsen was hosting bingo, and he asked me if I wanted to do it," said Sergeant Mills, "At first I didn't think anything about doing it, but when (Sergeant Larsen) left, it (bingo) got boring. One night I walked in and nobody was having any fun so I just walked up on stage and started calling out the numbers and added my little flavor to the mix."

After hosting one event, he continued to volunteer because he enjoys making people laugh, and bingo is one way to do that, he said. His humor has also resulted in him hosting other services events such as "Unit Feud."

"I'm not sure about being funny sometimes, but I would say that I do have my moments," he said. "I usually think of things to say quickly, and if they come off funny, that's great."

He said his comedy is dependent a lot on timing and different situations, which always leads to friendly insults addressed to someone in the crowd

"We all do stupid things sometimes, and I just usually catch them quicker than most. I don't have a problem talking to people, and people know I am not being personal when I make jokes about the stuff they do or say," Sergeant Mills said. "The majority of the time, they laugh too."

Others agree it's definitely a plus when they're able to laugh.

"Sergeant Mills puts a fun spin on bingo nights. People enjoy playing and having an opportunity to win money, but it's a bonus when they get a comic act as well," said 1st Lt. Jason Guadalupe, 332nd ESVS deputy commander. "Not everyone has the ability to get up in front of a crowd of people and do impromptu comedy, so it's great having Sergeant Mills around to help make services events more enjoyable."

With his deployment winding down, Sergeant Mills said he's enjoyed spending time making people laugh and he has one request.

"I'm leaving soon, so someone will have to replace me on Saturday nights.

"Any takers?"



Photo by Senior Airman Josh Moshier

Tech. Sgt. Craig Mills, jokes with bingo winners 1st Lt. Jay Kim and Senior Airman Tonia Lemcke Saturday. Sergeant Mills is the logistics flight superintendent for the 732nd Mission Support Group.

Why do you play bingo?



Staff Sgt.
Duane Leflore

"I play bingo to win."



Staff Sgt. Blueleaf Miller

"I come out to socialize and to win money."



Senior Airman Jon Harris

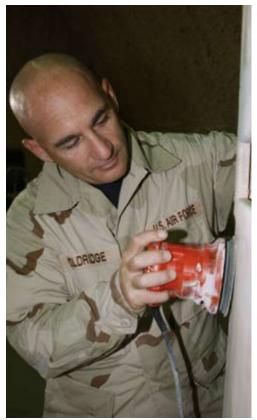
"It's something to do. Why not? You win prizes too."

Balad Features

Structures make it happen at Balad



Airman 1st Class Andre Cervantes, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron structures journeyman, drills screws into a shelter for the generators here.



Master Sgt. Daniel Holdridge, 332nd ECES structures noncommissioned officer in charge, conducts a finishing sanding job on a projector box for the H-6 recreation center's movie theater here.

332nd ECES shop uses innovation

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Alice Moore 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

Operating a paint striper on the flightline at night where sight is limited or mixing concrete to pour into a box to hold wind cones may not seem to be the most glamorous job in the Air Force, but it can be gratifying.

The 332nd Civil Engineer Squadron structures shop takes pride in making things happen through innovative ways.

"You sometimes run into a variety of challenges while you're at a deployed location that you don't face while you're at home," said Master Sgt. Daniel Holdridge, structures noncommissioned officer in charge, deployed from Kadena Air Base, Japan. "There are times when you lack certain materials and tools when you get assigned a job. We overcome this challenge by improvising with innovative ideas."

The structures team was recently put to the test when it had to install wind cones on the flightline here. The cones enable pilots to see which direction the wind is blowing.

"Back at home station, we use concrete pads to hold the cones in place. We're able to do

things this way because of concrete trucks," Sergeant Holdridge said. "Since we don't have access to concrete trucks here, we came up with the idea to pour concrete into 2- feet-by-2 boxes and dig a hole in them to hold the cones in place."

Paint striping on the flightline is another challenge for the shop. Sergeant Holdridge said that's not a job most structures Airmen do back at home, but it is something they do while deployed.

"We trained with the paint striper machines using water at Silver Flag (a readiness exercise held at Hurlburt Field, Fla.)," said Staff Sgt. Donald Sturkey, structures journeyman deployed from Hill Air Force Base, Utah. "It's definitely more challenging to actually use the machine when it's filled with paint because pipes and filters get clogged, but we still manage to get the job done so the pilots can see where they are going and I think that makes a difference."

Although the structures team members here spends a lot of time on projects that help aircraft take off and land safely, they have also been innovative in their projects that have improved the quality of life for Airmen deployed here.

"We recently constructed a stage for theater seating at the new recreation center," said Tech. Sgt. John Lynn, structures craftsman also deployed from Hill AFB. "Normally, to get this type of job done, you use 2-by-10-boards (inch) boards because the larger boards provide sturdier support. We only had access to 2-by-4 boards (inch). "We overcame this challenge by prefabricating individual frames to be used to place the boards together to increase their strength and make them stronger to hold the seating stage."

And the job doesn't end there, Sergeant Holdridge said.

"We do everything from the simple to the complicated. We repair doors falling off hinges, replace locks on facilities, hang TVs in the fitness center and build speaker stands," Sergeant Holdridge said. "We've also helped with securing the base by repairing the gates into the housing area and built walls within the fire department."

"We affect both morale and mission here," Sergeant Holdridge said. "Our motto says it all — Structures: we make it happen."

Fit 2 Fight 4 Freedom

A diet for all seasons: Part Two

Dieting doesn't mean all salads, carrots and celery. In fact, a diet of only "rabbit" food is nutritionally unbalanced. With the right information, people can cut calories without compromising taste and end up well-satisfied.

It's important to make eating choices from each food group. No one food group provides all the nutrients the body requires. The following tips will help people make informed food choices:

Reduce the fats: Some are obvious and can be easily avoided, like trimming the fat from meat and removing the skin from poultry before cooking, using skim milk, reduced-fat cheese, low-fat salad dressings, skipping the butter or margarine, using vegetable oil spray or nonstick pans for sautéing.

Less easy to find are "hidden" fats lurking in cream soups and sauces, potato chips and French fries, croissants and dinner rolls, eggs and peanut butter.

... but not too much: Cutting all fat from a diet would be unhealthy. Dietary fats provide essential acids that foods in other food groups don't. Without these essential acids, the body can't function normally.

The key is to make the best choices with fat, and use only limited amounts. Spread a thin layer of margarine on bread and be sure to use soft or tub margarine. "Whipped" types are even better because the air added to the margarine in whipping allows people to use even less.

Limit refined sugars: Even though complex carbohydrates provide essential nutrients, the simple sugars only provide energy or "empty calories."

Cakes, pies, jellies, candy, cookies, pop and fruit drinks contain refined sugars and should be avoided. To satisfy a sweet tooth, look for low-sugar or artificially sweetened choices.

Eat more fruits and vegetables:

By volume, people can eat more of the foods from these groups than the dairy or protein groups. These foods are naturally low in fat and high in fiber (with the exception of the avocado).

Fruits and vegetables should be naked and fresh. Experiment with a variety of vegetables and seasonings, but skip the butter and sauces. Try vegetables steamed, stir-fried, baked or grilled.

If fresh isn't possible, choose frozen. If canned vegetables are a necessity, go for the "no salt added" and "packed in natural juice" varieties.

Fruit and vegetable juice should always be 100 percent pure juice. Don't substitute juice for fresh fruit and vegetables. Juices are high in sugar and calories. Fresh fruit or vegetables are more filling and provide more fiber.

Develop a "watch out" list: These are foods a person knows will get him into trouble. That list

Preparation makes a difference

Replace	With	Save
3 oz. steak w/fat	3 oz. steak trimmed	213 calories
3 oz. ground beef, 21 percent fat	3 oz. ground beef, 10 percent fat	50 calories
4 oz. hamburger	3 oz. hamburger	80 calories
Thsp. butter or margarine	1 Tsp. butter or margerine	72 calories
1 oz. cheddar cheese	1 oz. red. fat cheddar cheese	35 calories
french fries	baked potato	125 calories
hatter-dipped fried chicken	roasted chicken	170 calories
3 oz. poultry, dark meat	3 oz. poultry, white meat	25 calories
1 whole egg	2 egg whites	50 calories
1 cup whole milk	1 cup skim milk	60 calories
3 oz. poultry w/skin	3 oz, poultry w/o skin	50 calories
3 oz. tuna in oil	3 oz. tuna in water	60 calories

could include, but isn't limited to, cookies, potato chips, mayonnaise, peanut butter or french fries. A person doesn't have to do without these foods forever; they just need to be eaten "once-in-awhile" and the portions kept small.

Smart snacking: Snacking isn't a "no-no" if the snacks are wise choices. In fact, it can be a healthy habit to include snacks in a daily meal plan.

Planned snacks at regular intervals help keep blood sugar levels even and prevent peaks and valleys in energy level throughout the day. The trick is to plan snacks so they fit into the total daily calorie allotment.

Juice, fresh fruit or vegetables,

nonfat yogurt, unsalted pretzels, rice cakes, popcorn and breakfast cereal can all provide a healthy snack at anytime during the day.

The fiber connection: Roughage or fiber is essential to a well-balanced diet. It's the undigested part of the food that acts as a "colon cleaner," moving food along quickly and easily. Because it adds bulk and attracts water, fiber helps prevent constipation, hemorrhoids and colorectal cancer.

Fresh fruit and vegetables, dried beans and whole grains contribute to a high-fiber diet that has the added benefit of being low in fat.

Information provided by the 332nd Expeditionary Aerospace Medicine

H-6 Fitness Center weekly fitness classes schedule

Friday

Spin - 3:30 p.m. Step-n-Tone - 8 p.m.

Saturday

Step-n-Tone – 7 a.m. Aikijujutsu – 8:30 p.m.

Monday

Spin – 8 a.m., 3:30 p.m. Cardio Funk – 8 p.m. Aikijujutsu – 9 p.m.

Tuesday

Cardio Funk – 7 a.m. Spin – 3:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Karate Do – 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Spin – 3:30 p.m. Legs and Glutes – 7 p.m. Cardio Funk – 8 p.m.

Thursday

Spin – 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 3:30 p.m. Karate Do – 7 p.m. Aikijujutsu – 8:30 p.m.

Nov. 10

Spin – 3:30 p.m. Step-n-Tone – 8 p.m.

Sports Watch



UPON FURTHER REVIEW

(Editor's note: Upon Further Review is a weekly column in which Senior Airman Josh Moshier and Master Sgt. Kirk Clear of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs Office debate their views on hot sports topics, games and items of interest. They rarely agree on sports, and when they do, you won't see it here.)

Mo Knows: No team was better than Wooden's Bruins

With the death of Boston Celtics patriarch Red Auerbach earlier this week, the discussion of best sports dynasty of all time was triggered.

Major League Baseball's New York Yankees have won 26 World Series and employed many of the game's greatest icons — Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Lou Gehrig, Mickey Mantle and more.

The NBA's Celtics have won a record 16 championships, including eight in a row from 1959 through 1966. Its hall of fame players include Bob Cousy, Bill Russell and John Havlicek.

The Montreal Canadiens of the NHL have won 24 Stanley Cups, including a stretch of five straight from 1956 through 1960 and another four in a row from 1976 to 1979. The Canadiens' all-time roster includes legends Georges Vezina, Jean Beliveau, Guy Lafluer, Ken Dryden and the original "Rocket," Maurice Richard.

For my money, though, no organization comes close to the

dominance of UCLA basketball from 1964 to 1975.

During those 12 seasons, the Bruins won 10 NCAA championships. UCLA's record over that time was 330-22. The Bruins were ranked first in the nation by the Associated Press 103 times over a 121-poll stretch from Dec. 6, 1966, through Feb. 12, 1974, including one stretch of 46 consecutive polls. Bruins players included Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), Gail Goodrich and Bill Walton. The coach for all those teams was simply the most respected basketball coach at any level ever, John Wooden.

However, despite all those numbers and names, what sets UCLA apart from other dynasties is how it maintained its dominance. The Babe played 15 seasons for the Yanks. Russell played 13 seasons for the Celts. Richard played 18 seasons for the Habs. No one played more than four seasons for UCLA, and the program still won all those titles.

The Clear View: Celtics dynasty is without peer

How can you compare college students to seasoned professionals? Sure, UCLA pulled off a great feat, but they were able to recruit the best players in the nation year after year. Everyone wanted to play for the Bruins.

If you want to talk about college dynasties, how about Iowa's wrestling team that won nine consecutive NCAA championships from 1978 to 1986, and another six in seven years from 1991 through 1997? We could also include other amateur sports dynasties such as the U.S. Men's 4 x 100 relay track team that, except for disqualifications in 1960 and 1988, won gold every Olympic Games it competed in from 1920 to 1992, or swimming's U.S. Men's 4 x 100 freestyle relay team that won every Olympic race until 2000.

When we talk about team sports dynasties, we need to look at the professional ranks. When you can put together a team that dominates against the best athletes a sport has to offer, that's truly a dynasty.

You've mentioned some of the

best — most notably, baseball's Yankees, basketball's Celtics and hockey's Canadiens. You could also include the Chicago Bulls, who won six NBA titles from 1991 to 1998, or the Edmonton Oilers, who won five Stanley Cups between 1984 and 1990.

It's been tougher in pro football. However, some great teams included the 1961-1967 Green Bay Packers, the 1974-1979 Pittsburgh Steelers, the 1992-1995 Dallas Cowboys, and even the 2002-2005 New England Patriots.

But my choice as best team dynasty of all time is the Boston Celtics. Auerbach's team won an astounding eight NBA championships in row — a feat no other professional team has even neared. The closest any team has come were the five consecutive Cups won by the 1956 through 1960 Canadiens.

But the eight consecutive Boston titles weren't all. That Celts team won a total of 11 championships in a 13-year span from 1957 to 1969. That was truly a dynasty.

Now it's up to you, Tuskegee Airmen. Who's right? You decide. Sound off on the RTF's self-proclaimed sports gurus, or suggest a topic for discussion in a future column, in an e-mail to 332.redtailftyer@blab.centaf.af.mil. The RTF staff may publish reader responses in an upcoming issue.

American Forces Network

Live weekend sports schedule

National Football League

Sunday, AFN Prime, 9 p.m. Kansas City at St. Louis

Sunday, AFN Sports, 9 p.m. *Cincinnati at Baltimore*

Monday, AFN Sports, midnight Denver at Pittsburgh

Monday, AFN Prime, midnight Cleveland at San Diego Monday, AFN Prime, 4:20 a.m. Indianapolis at New England

Tuesday, AFN Sports, 4:30 a.m. Oakland at Seattle

National Basketball Association

Saturday, AFN Sports, 4 a.m. Cleveland at San Antonio

Saturday, AFN Sports, 6:30 a.m. Seattle at Los Angeles Lakers

Sunday, AFN Xtra, 6 a.m. Minnesota at Portland

National Hockey League

Saturday, AFN Xtra, 3 a.m. Atlanta at Washington

Saturday, AFN Xtra, 6 a.m. *Phoenix at Anaheim*

Tuesday, AFN Xtra, 3 a.m. Boston at Atlanta

College Football

Saturday, AFN Prime, 4 a.m. Air Force at Army

Saturday, AFN Sports, 11 a.m. Air Force at Army (tape delayed)

Shedule is subject to change. For a complete list of all AFN programming, visit http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/.

Chapel Happenings

"God gave you two ears and one mouth for a reason"

By Chaplain (Capt.) Randy Croft 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing chaplain

One of the most overlooked skills in effective communication is the ability to listen.

Many people know how to hear, but good, authentic listening is hard work. It takes focus.

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young job seeker saw an ad in the paper for a Morse Code operator.

Arriving to the office for his initial interview, he found a waiting area full of other applicants. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed the job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office.

The young man filled out his form and sat down with the seven other applicants waiting to be called in. After a few minutes, he stood up, walked across the room to the door of the inner office and walked right in.

Naturally, the other applicants perked up, wondering what was going on. They didn't hear anything, and the man who walked in was the last one to arrive. They figured he'd be disqualified for his mistake.

Within a few minutes, the employer came out to the waiting area and thanked the other applicants for coming.

"Gentlemen, thank you for your interest, but the job has just been filled," he said.

One applicant complained that the new hire was the last to come in and that none of the others were even interviewed.

The employer said, "I'm sorry, but all the time you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.' None of you heard it or understood it. This young man did. The job is his."

Miscommunication at home or in the workplace often boils down to the inability to listen well. Poor listening skills cost businesses money (an estimated \$100 billion a year), destroy marriages, and in a military setting, can cost lives.

Television and radio host Larry King put it well: "Nothing I say today will teach me



anything. So if I'm going to learn, I must do it by listening."

The wise King Solomon counseled "Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future." (Proverbs 19:20)

There's still wisdom in the old cliché Momma used to offer: "God gave you two ears and one mouth for a reason."



Balad Religious Schedule

Catholic Services

Daily Mass

5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Saturday

4:30 p.m. Reconciliation

5 p.m. Mass

Sunday

9 a.m. Sunday Mass 11 a.m. Sunday Mass

Confessions available by appointment

Protestant Services

Saturday

7:30 p.m. Liturgical Service (Episcopal)

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Traditional Service 10 a.m. Contemporary Service Tuskegee Chapel

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Tuskegee Chapel AFT Hospital Chapel

Tuskegee Chapel

2 p.m. Church of Christ 2 p.m. Gospel Service 3:30 p.m. Gospel Service

5 p.m. Traditional Service 8:15 p.m. Traditional Service

Wednesday

8 p.m. Midweek Contemporary Worship Service

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Other Services

Sunday

3:30 p.m. Orthodox Prayer Service 7 p.m. Latter Day Saints Sacraments 8 p.m. Latter Day Saints Sunday School

7 p.m. Friday Shabbat Service

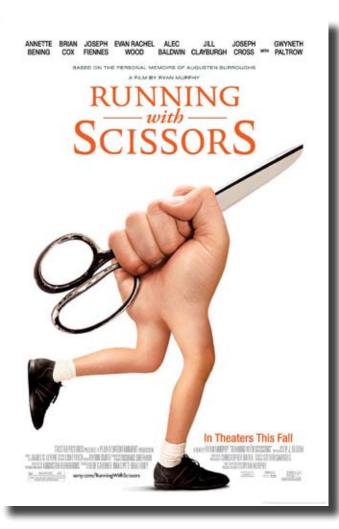
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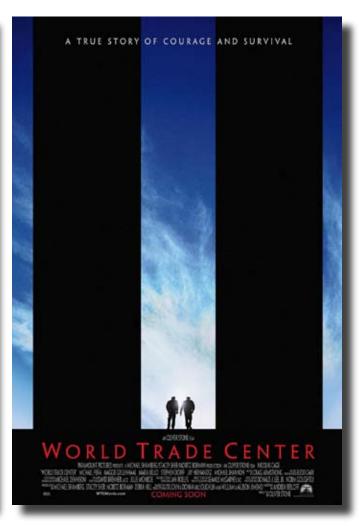
Tuskegee Chapel Office

AFT Hospital Chapel For more information on worship opportunities or needs, call 443-7703.

Town Hall For the after-hour duty chaplain, call 443-3320.

Sustainer Theater





Today

2 p.m. — World Trade Center

5 p.m. - Flushed Away

8:30 p.m. — Running With Scissors

Saturday

2 p.m. — Flushed Away

5 p.m. – Accepted

8 p.m. — Running With Scissors

Sunday

2 p.m. — Material Girls

5 p.m. — Running With Scissors

8 p.m. — World Trade Center

Monday

5 p.m. - Accepted

8 p.m. — Runing With Scissors

Tuesday

5 p.m. — Flushed Away

8 p.m. – Beerfest

Wednesday

5 p.m. - Running With Scissors

8 p.m. — World Trade Center

Thursday

5 p.m. - Crossover

8 p.m. - Accepted

Nov. 3

2 p.m. – Invincible

5 p.m. — Material Girls

8:30 p.m. — Stranger Than Fiction

Running With Scissors

Annette Bening, Brian Cox

In 1971, 6-year-old Augusten finds himself trapped between his troubled parents: his mother, Deidre, an unplublished — not to mention unstable — confessional poet with delusions of being hugely famous; and his father, Norman, an alcoholic math professor who long ago gave up trying to solve the riddle of his wife's problems or his son's precocious behavior. When the Burroughs' marriage goes to pieces, Deidre signs up for therapy with the eccentric Dr. Finch, a highly unconventional shrink who takes the family under his wing.

Rated R (language, sexuality, violence) 120 minutes

Accepted

Justin Long, Blake Lively

High school senior Bartleby "B" Gaines is on his way to getting rejected by eight colleges, which isn't going to go over big with mom and dad. So how does a guy facing a bleak career please his parents and get noticed by his dream girl? Open his own university.

Rated PG-13 (language, sexual material, drug content) 92 minutes

World Trade Center

Nicolas Cage, Michael Pena

This is the true story of John McLoughlin and William J. Jimeno (the last two survivors extracted from Ground Zero), the rescuers who never gave up and that time when buildings would fall and heroes would rise to inspire the entire human race.

Rated PG-13 (disturbing images, language) 129 minutes

Beerfest

Paul Soter, Erik Stolhanske

When American brothers Todd and Jan Wolfhouse travel to Germany to spread their grandfather's ashes, they stumble upon a secret, centuries old, underground beer games competition — the secret Olympics of beer drinking. The brothers receive a less than warm welcome from their German cousins who humiliate Todd and Jan and cast them out of the event. Vowing to return to defend their country and their family's honor, the Wolfhouse boys assemble a ragtag dream team of beer drinkers and gamers.

Rated R (crude content, language, nudity) 110 minutes

Synopsis courtesy www.AAFES.com Showtimes courtesy 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron

This & That



"Diamond sharp" Airmen

The following Airmen were selected by their first sergeants as October's recipients of the Balad first sergeants' "diamond sharp" award based on the criteria of impeccable dress and appearance, and superb duty performance:

Senior Airman Richard Aubrev

777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron

Senior Airman Edgar Garcia-Favela

732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron

Senior Airman Danielle Larkin

332nd Expeditionary Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Patrick Mondragon

332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior Airman Kevin Moss

332nd Expeditionary Logistics Squadron

Senior Airman Douglas Murdie

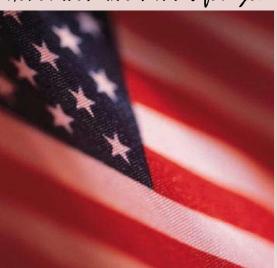
332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron

Staff Sgt. Long Tran

332nd Expeditionary Aerospace Medicine Squadron

Veterans Day ceremony

Honor those who served before you



Nov. 11, 11 a.m. Town Hall

Combat movie marathon at H-6 recreation center and other Veterans Day events to be announced

Don't be "That Guy"

By Capt. Mel Turner

332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron Provost Marshal Office detachment commander

Welcome to the weekly drama of "That Guy."

This article should provide you a window into our world and leave you with some information to avoid becoming "That Guy."

"That Guy" is a person who does something that's not very well thought out or just plain stupid.

We can't make this stuff up; this actually happened at Logistics Support Area Anaconda/Balad Air Base, Iraq.

This week's "That Guy" went to get a bike he'd "bought" from someone a month earlier. To get the bike, "That Guy" used a hacksaw to cut the chain that secured the bike. Hearing the activity of a hacksaw on metal, the owner of the bike came out of his room and saw what was going on. The owner called the Provost Marshal's Office, and when the patrol arrived, they spoke with "That Guy."

"That Guy" didn't remember the name of the person who sold him the bike, didn't remember how much it was purchased for and wasn't able to produce a receipt or proof of purchase of ownership. "That Guy" didn't have a key to the lock that secured the bike. The owner, however, had the key to the lock and used the bike three times a week.

"That Guy" was charged with violating Article 80 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, *Attempted Larceny*. "That Guy" tried to steal a bike. In the end, "That Guy" got what he wanted – transportation ... from his leadership after being picked up from the military police desk at 1 a.m.



The moral of this week's story is, if you have to break, cut or intentionally damage it to get it open, you're probably doing wrong.

When in doubt, contact your leadership or call us. If it's your property, always have some documents proving you own it, such as pictures with you and your property, or put your name on it in several different places. These actions can help the PMO return stolen or lost property to the rightful owner and deter potential thieves.

No matter what happens, don't be "That Guy."